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Applicant: Jim Eckelberry                      Group Art Unit: 3616  
Serial No.: 10/776,068                      Examiner: Webb, Tiffany Louise  
Filed: February 11, 2004  
Title: PNEUMATIC LOCKING PIN OPERATING SYSTEM FOR A TRAILER  
SLIDER

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**DECLARATION UNDER RULE 1.131**

I, David L. Wisz, state as follows:

1) I am a patent attorney Registration No. 46,350, at all times representing Applicant ArvinMeritor Technology, LLC, of 2135 West Maple, Troy, Michigan 48084, in the above-referenced application, and responsible for its preparation and filing.

2) I have reviewed the disclosure documents and correspondence with the client concerning this application in preparing this Declaration.

3) The invention was prepared by the inventors on a date before the effective 35 U.S.C. 102(e) date of *Saieg et al.* (US2005/0056477), which claims the date of September 17, 2003. Exhibit A attached to this Declaration is a copy of drawings completed prior to September 17, 2003. Dates on the drawings included in the disclosure form have been redacted, but I have looked at these dates and all of the dates are prior to September 17, 2003.

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4) I was informed of the decision made to prepare and file a patent application by ArvinMeritor Technology, LLC. Diligence was maintained throughout the preparation and filing of the application. The subject application was filed on February 11, 2004. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: June \_\_\_\_, 2006

  
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***EXHIBIT A***

## INVENTION DISCLOSURE

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## 1. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF INVENTION: Air Operated Slider Pin Release System.

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3. Short statement of problem being addressed: Sliding tandem suspensions can become difficult to release & reposition due to corrosion & wear of the sliding components. The pin release handle pull forces can become difficult for the operator to overcome.

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6. Was this invention created at a company-sponsored "invention workshop"?

☐ YES, held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in \_\_\_\_\_ (city).☒ NO

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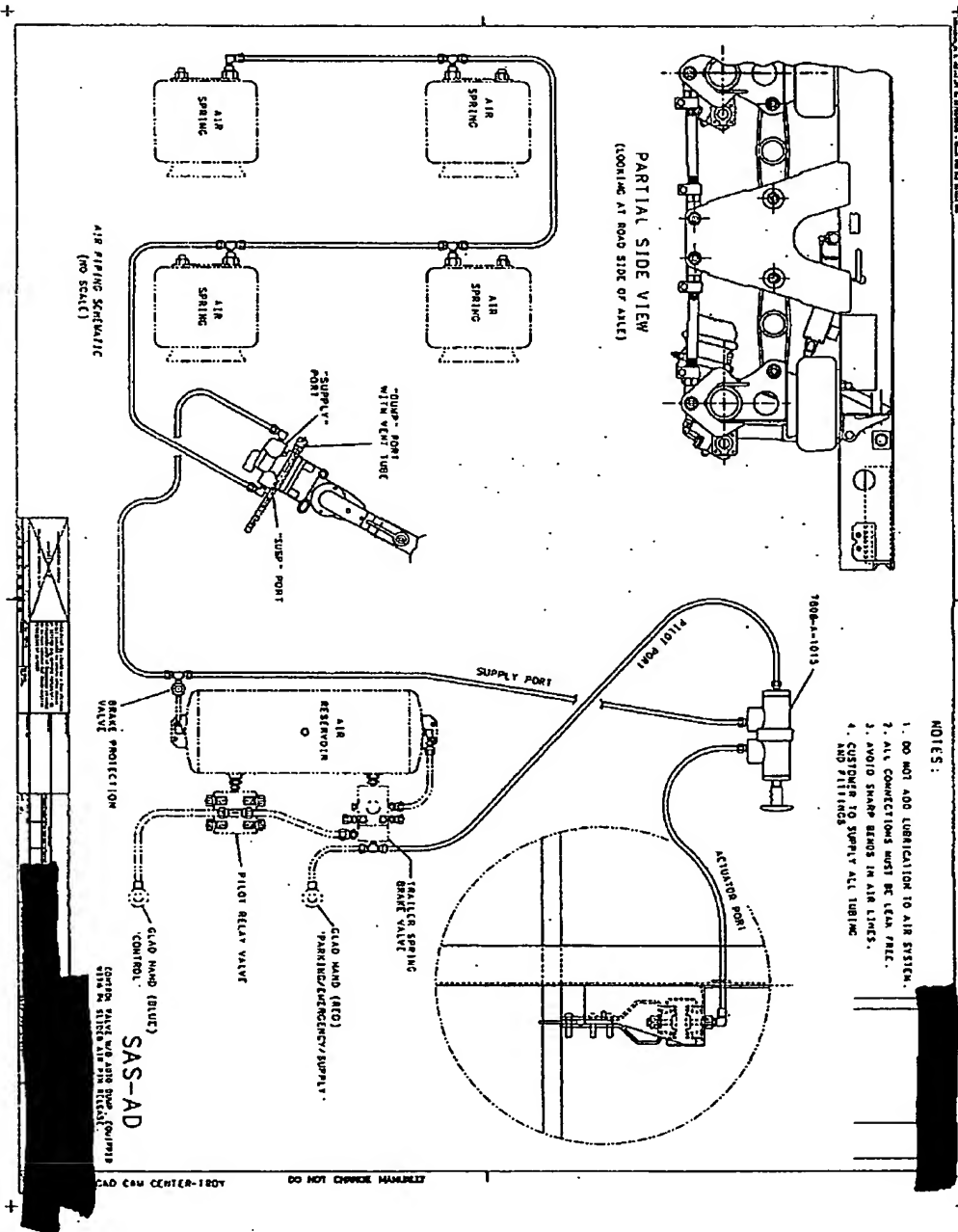
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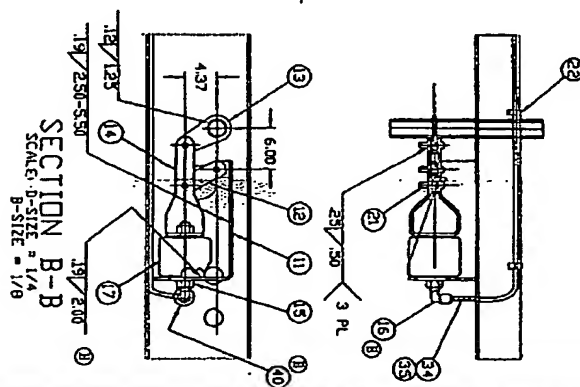
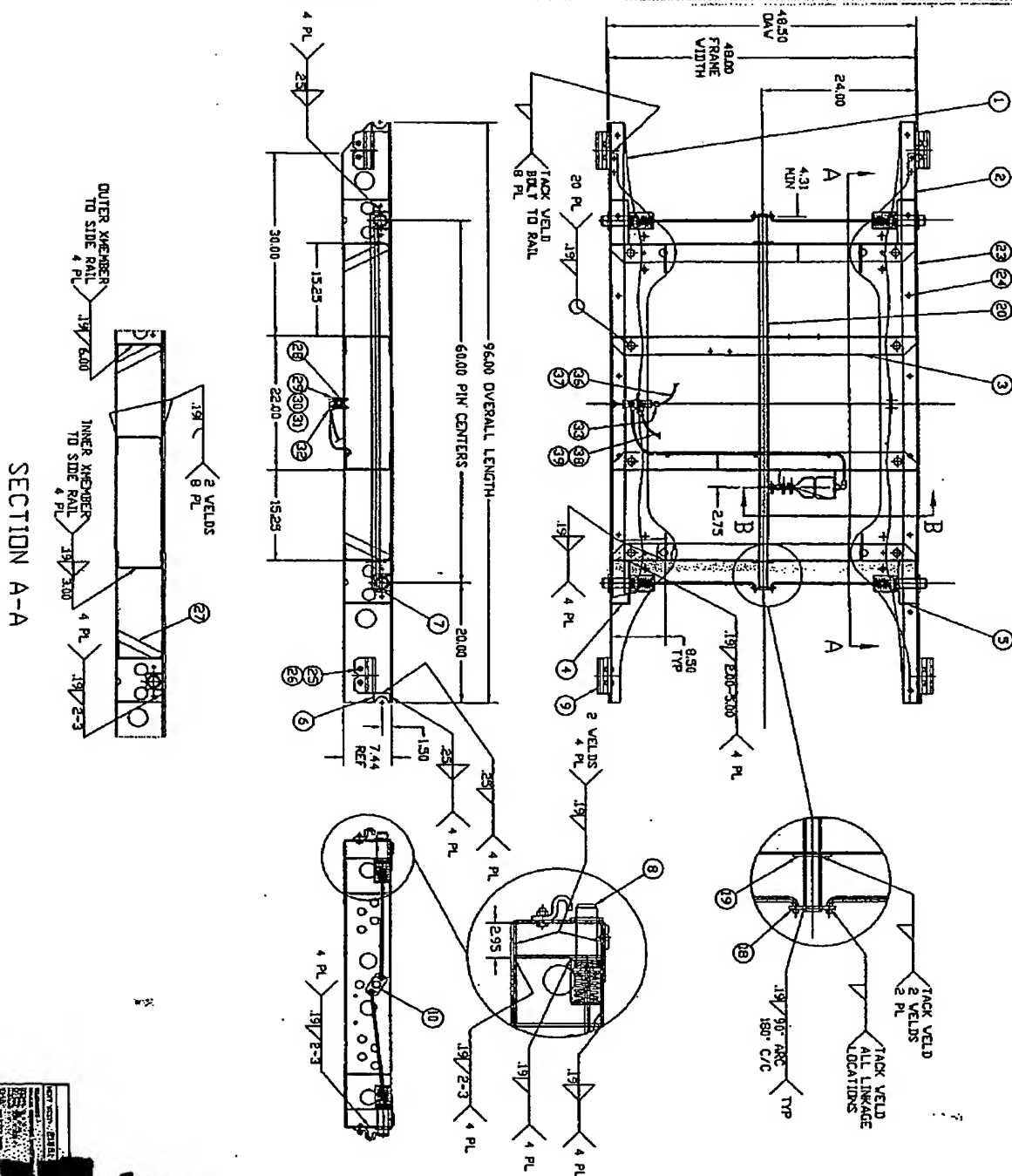
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